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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuo HORIKAWA  
Serial Number : 09/990,270  
Filed : November 23, 2001  
For : LOCK CLEVER DEVICE FOR WORKING IMPLEMENT DRIVE  
CONTROL SYSTEM OF CONSTRUCTION MACHINE VEHICLE  
Examiner : Bradley J. Van Pelt  
Group Art Unit : 3682

**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

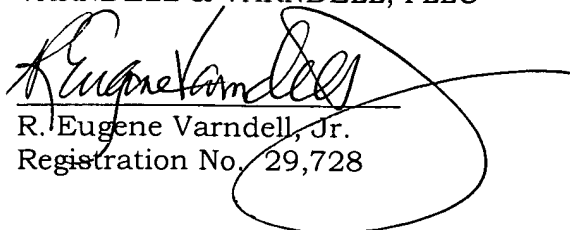
February 18, 2005

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed October 20, 2004, which set forth a one-month period for response. This petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for response to February 20, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS) for this one-month extension of time fee is enclosed. In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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